

**Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection,
Classified by Weight, weekending: March 18, 2000**

Markets were generally steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where feature activity was either planned or in progress. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs. Parts interest was usually light on wings with product slow in clearing, movement on thighs and thigh meat was good, balance of items was normal. Weights were in a full range, usually desirable.

	FOOD SERVICE/ FAST FOOD	RETAIL	DEBONING	TOTAL
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 - 5.25	5.26 & Up	---
Total (000)	34,535	32,493	38,417	105,445
Percentage	33%	31%	36%	100%

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

Live Weight	RTC WOG Weight	No. of Head (000)	Percentage of Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	7,545	7.16
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	7,980	7.57
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz. - 2 lbs., 12 oz.	10,402	9.86
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	8,608	8.16
		34,535	32.75%

BROILER EGGS SET/CHICKS PLACED IN 15 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**
Feb 05	178,849	100	144,303	103	180,526	100	144,954	101	160,713	111
Feb 12	178,356	99	145,947	105	179,819	102	143,294	103	156,048	97
Feb 19	178,321	98	143,269	101	180,998	100	144,384	102	155,193	99
Feb 26	182,503	101	141,120	99	180,817	100	144,090	100	152,233	98
Mar 04	183,772	100	141,127	98	180,335	100	144,745	102	154,916	102
Mar 11	184,647	101	142,524	97	181,595	102	145,179	102	155,100	100
Mar 18	184,064	101	147,949	101	181,901	102	145,644	103	148,354	96
Mar 25	183,658	100	147,468	101	180,679	102	144,326	103	155,206	105

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)

Week of 04/03/00

	Current Week	Previous Week	Year Ago
New York Grade A Ice-packed	49.42	49.23	44.46
Chicago Grade A Ice-packed	45.49	45.67	47.23
Los Angeles Grade A Ice-packed	61.13	61.07	62.17
12-City Composite Weighted Avg.	54.35	54.75	53.62
Georgia Dock FOB Final Weighted Avg.	56.20	56.20	56.50
Southern States FOB Whole Body 5 day Avg. Index	39.68	41.02	41.92

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)

Weekly Weighted Average

	Northeast (Delivered)	Southern States (FOB)	Georgia (FOB)
	04/03/00	04/03/00	04/03/00
Breast - B/S	137.31	131.96	141.50
Tenderloins	131.60	165.63	---
Breast - Line Run	68.54	67.96	72.50 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	17.94	14.86	19.00
Wings	58.66	50.68	56.00